

Weekly Column for April 21st, 2006

Tomorrow is Earth Day in the City of Troy, and we are proud to announce that there are 26 projects in various spots across the Collar City, leaving something for everyone.

Yesterday we had a great volunteer effort at Powers Park, where a group of people built a new stage for the Lansingburgh green space. Volunteers will hit the park on Saturday to clean up the remainder of the park, and landscape the area around the new stage.

The weather thus far is looking like it is not pleased with the potential cleanup effort. Temperatures in the mid 50's and rain is possible, but I am sure that it will not dampen the spirits of the volunteers. Some people have decided to postpone their projects until next week in hope of better weather, and we certainly wish them luck.

A full list of the projects can be found on the homepage of the website.

On Sunday we will be holding a small, one-day festival in Powers Park. In the past, the Earth Day celebrations have been held in Riverfront Park. We decided it would be a great idea this year to rotate the celebration to take advantage of all the wonderful places we have in the City of Troy.

The party begins on Sunday at noon and will run through 4 p.m. We have two bands that will be on hand, as well as refreshments for those who stop down.

One final Earth Day note, the Alamo, located across from the Rensselaer County Jail in South Troy, will be open on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are a Troy resident we certainly would encourage you to drop off any garbage you like, excluding paint cans, construction debris, or any toxic chemicals. Tires will cost \$2.

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. Don't let the weather down, and have a great time keeping Troy clean.

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Mayor of Troy